Private Universities

2662. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the sharp increase in the number of private universities in the States which, lack infrastructure and prescribed academic standards; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider uniform guidelines and a screening mechanism for recognition of such universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRF): (a) and (b) The incorporation, regulation and winding up of Universities is within the competence of the State Legislaturers. However, in order to maintain standards of higher education the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulation 2003 were issued on 27th December, 2003 and are in force. These Regulations apply to every private university established by or incorporated under a State Act, before or after the commencement of these regulations and also apply to all the degrees/ diplomas/certificates offered by such universities.

Anganwadi workers training centres

†2663. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Anganwadi workers training centres directed to be closed down, *vide* 11 -3-2000-T.R dated January 31,2002 of the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of India, State-wise;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether directions have been issued to absorb the employees/officers working therein for the last so many years into other services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Vide letter No. 11 -3-2000-TR-l dated 31.1.2002 *ex-post facto* approval was conveyed to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.